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TRUSTEE ELECTION NEXT SATURDAY

IT IS AN IMPORTANT MATTER AND VOTERS ALL OVER THE COUNTY SHOULD INTEREST THEMSELVES.

PUT PROGRESSIVE MEN AT HEAD OF SCHOOL AFFAIRS

Lubbock City Schools are Recognized as the Best on the Plains, and Our Rural Schools are Classed as Leaders in the State by State School Inspector. Let Us Maintain Our Standing.

In this issue is an article by Phebe K. Warner, and while it may be slightly overdrawn, the thought running through it is one that should be well considered. There is entirely too much indifference shown in the election of school trustees, both in the independent school districts and in the rural schools. To such an extent is this true that many times men are put into the position of school trustee who are absolutely unfit for the office, and whose ideas of school work are far from what they should be, and if a majority of this kind of men are placed on the school board their actions may place the school they represent in a very critical position. The most progressive men in the community should be placed on the school board both in the city and the rural districts. Men who are for progressive school work, and who are anxious that the schools have the very best teachers, and do the best work possible every year. They have charge of the finances of the community set aside for schools and these finances should be judiciously spent, and when that is said it means that the school children of the community get the very best possible. New buildings, better equipment, good school ground equipment, pure water and all these things that will give the pupil health and comfortable surroundings.

Saturday, April 5th is the day for election of the trustees. It is to be hoped that the voters will turn out in good numbers and elect men in each of these elections who are suited best for the place.

Lubbock schools are recognized now as the leading schools of the plains and has made wonderful progress during the past few years and we certainly would hate to see them hindered in the progress they made, simply to gratify the whims of a few disgruntled who for selfish reasons oppose some things that have been done and endeavor at every election to put in a set of men who are in line with their grievances. Lay aside self in the matter of schools and put men in who are for the best interests of the community and school, in Lubbock.

As to the rural schools, you read the report of the Rural School State Inspector last week, and you know how the Lubbock rural schools rank in the state, according to his report. Saturday you will have an opportunity to put men in as trustees who are in favor of progress, and if you let the opportunity pass and fail to take any interest in the matter, you may find that you have let the non-progressive element in the community slip one by you, and you will have a hard pull to keep your school where it should be. Throw the harness off old back at noon and chase over to your voting place in the afternoon and elect the proper men as trustees. Let's keep Lubbock county on the top with her schools.

EIGHTH CAVALRY CROSSES BORDER AFTER OUTLAWS

Marfa, Texas, April 2.—Following a raid across the Rio Grande River during a blinding hail storm by Mexican bandits last night, Troop K, 8th Cavalry, in command of Capt. Matlack, overtook and killed five of the bandits, recovered the horses and cattle stolen and returned to the American side, according to an official report received by Col. George T. Langhorn, at district headquarters here.

Cross in Hail Storm.
The report of the Mexicans crossing the river was received at midnight last night during the most severe hail storm in the history of the Big Bend. The bandits were reported to have crossed to the American side between Ruidosa and Candelaria, on the river front. They stole cattle and horses and drove them back across the river under cover of darkness and the storm.

Two Troops Used.

Troop K, in command of Captain Matlack, and Troop M, commanded by Captain Broadhead, were ordered to the scene of the raid and by daybreak Troop L had moved into support position from India.

Infantry detachments were moved by wagon train and trucks to occupy the stations left vacant by the cavalry troops forming the pursuit.

Follow Raiders' Tracks.

The tracks of the raiders and stolen cattle were followed to the river bank where they could be plainly seen on the Mexican side.

Troop K, under Captain Matlack, followed one band while Captain Broadhead, commanding Troop M, pursued the other; Troop K overtook the bandits and killing five of them before they could hide in the canyons. The cavalry recovered their horses and cattle stolen after the exact number of stolen animals had been verified. All the troops returned to the Texas side without casual.

The raid was the eighth successful pursuit into Mexico by the 8th Cavalry since it came to the Big Bend, and will probably be its last as the regiment will leave next week for Fort Bliss.

Notwithstanding the reports to the contrary, Dr. R. J. Hall has fully recovered from the recent operation at Temple and is enjoying life visiting relatives in that part of the state, and will soon return to his practice here. His many friends will be glad to know that the reports of the seriousness of his condition are entirely exaggerated.

132ND LEAVES FOR TEXAS THURSDAY; ARRIVE ON 8TH

Newport News, Va., April 2.—The One Hundred and Thirty-Second Field Artillery, which has been here at Camp Stuart awaiting orders for several days, will leave here Thursday morning in three special trains bound for Texas. They have been ready for several days and tonight their coaches will be made up in the yards and the trains put in readiness to depart.

They have an elaborate parade schedule, when they will be accosted by the home folks on their arrival. The trains will be routed from here to Houston, where the regiment will parade. They will move from there to Waco for another parade. The first section of the train will stop for an hour at Corsicana and stops of similar length of time will be made at other points in Texas when the boys go through.

Officers stated today they could not say definitely when the men will reach Texas, but they believed it would be not later than Sunday or Monday. Everything possible will be done to expedite their journey after they leave here. They will be rushed home as quick as railroad facilities will permit.

Men in the camp yesterday declared the suspense was "something awful," and that they didn't care for anything else on earth but to see those trains made up and ready to go. They have waited longer than they expected.

When they have concluded their parade program they will be sent to Camp Bowie for demobilization and it is thought they will stage a parade in Fort Worth where they are all discharged from the army.

MERKEL STORE ROBBED LAST SATURDAY NIGHT

Merkel, Texas, March 31.—A robbery was discovered in the store of G. F. West Company this morning. A large amount of groceries were taken. From the evidence shown the robbery took place Saturday night. From the variety taken the proprietors are unable to estimate the loss.

Clyde E. Biggers, who has been for the past 22 months in the naval aviation service, on patrol duty at New York, is back, and visiting with friends and acquaintances. Mr. Biggers states that he will probably make this his future home.

Mrs. Willie W. Thomas has accepted a position here with the Rix Furniture and Undertaking Co.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL HELP POULTRY CLUB

The Chamber of Commerce at a recent meeting decided to help the boys and girls of the poultry clubs a bit, appropriating seventy-five dollars to be loaned to the members of the poultry clubs for the purchasing of full blood eggs for setting purposes. This is a very commendable move on the part of the Chamber of Commerce, and the boys and girls should appreciate it. As a suggestion one of the members of the Chamber of Commerce says he believes that this money can all be spent with Lubbock county poultry raisers. There are a number of poultry raisers in the county who have just as good eggs as can be obtained from dealers elsewhere, and you will keep the money at home. We believe this is a good suggestion and we hope those who take advantage of the offer of finances will try to buy the eggs from home people as far as possible.

We believe that Lubbock county poultry raisers are going to make a fine showing this fall at the fair, and it will be a great advertisement for this country.

FORTY COUNTIES TO VOTE ON BONDS FOR GOOD ROADS

Austin, April 1.—That there will be more highways constructed in Texas during 1919 over any previous year in the history of the State, is the opinion of George A. Duren, State highway engineer, who has prepared data showing that within the next six months special elections will be held in forty counties on proposed road bond issues aggregating \$27,120,000, which does not include \$4,603,000 already voted during the present year in ten counties, which makes a total of \$31,723,000.

This has no connection with the proposed amendment to the Constitution which is to be voted on at a special election Nov. 4 which, if proposition prevails, will authorize the State to issue \$75,000,000 of road bonds.

At its last monthly meeting the State Highway Commission extended Federal aid amounting to nearly \$5,000,000 to various counties in Texas. This means that within the next three or four years Texas will have one of the finest highway systems of any State in the Union.

SEAGRAVES TO HAVE A NEW METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. W. E. Lyon, presiding elder of the Lubbock District spent last Sunday and several days since at Seagraves, where he held quarterly conference and with the pastor there succeeded in getting a movement on foot for the erection of a Methodist church building at that place. They secured the lots, three of the choice lots of the town, and committees were appointed for the raising of funds. Bro. Lyon is very hopeful for the work of building to go right on to the completion of a church building adequate to the needs of that town for some years to come. He reports good rains in that section, and the people generally in good spirits.

STAMFORD WANTS PRE-WAR TRAIN SERVICE RESTORED

Stamford, Texas, April 2.—Much satisfaction is expressed in this section over the re-establishment of the double daily train service on the Texas Central Railroad from Waco to Rotan. The new schedule began April 1 and the arrangement includes a standard Pullman sleeper between Waco and Stamford. This service was formerly maintained, but was cut out during the period of the war at the behest of the Government.

WAR RESULTS IN TEACHING OF FRENCH IN HIGH SCHOOLS

Austin, Texas, April 1.—One result of the war is that French is being taught in more than one hundred high schools in Texas, while formerly it was taught in only six or seven, according to data compiled by the University of Texas.

As the result of this increased demand for teachers of French, they are becoming obtainable and the University is mapping out a teachers' course in French for the summer school.

George Copeland of Bronco, was called here this week to attend the bedside of his father-in-law who underwent an operation.

Claude Blansengame is here this week from Ralls, transacting business and visiting with acquaintances.

Claude Burrus is here from Comanche this week visiting with relatives.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD HAVE INTERESTING MEETING

The local W. O. W. Lodge report a very interesting meeting last Monday night. At the hour for the meeting the house was called to order by the Consul Commander, the Degree team seating all officers. First on the program of the evening was an invocation by Rev. Griswold, followed by a few well spoken words on behalf of the Lodge by Hon. E. L. Klett, extending all the visitors a hearty welcome. The team gave some fancy drills, in addition to other amusements of the evening. Brother Watkins announced that there would be a valuable "diamond" ring given away, at the same time displaying a diamond worth several hundred dollars, and that each one present would receive a number and that all that brought out baskets for the evening would receive an additional number. At the close of the basket sale the numbers were placed in a hat and the drawing took place. Mrs. A. B. Ellis was the lucky one, and Brother Watkins in a few words of congratulations presented the winner with a perfectly good United States dime and ring. Announcement was made to retire to the dining room, where all enjoyed "good eats."

EARL KELLAR SHOT AND KILLED BY J. W. WATTS

Earl Kellar was shot and killed by J. W. Watts Friday afternoon about 5 o'clock near the store and postoffice at Spring Lake in Lamb county. A pistol was used and but one shot was fired, the bullet striking Kellar above the collar bone on the right side of his neck, severing the jugular vein. Kellar fell and died almost instantly, without moving or saying a word.

The parties to the tragedy lived near each other on ranches, and had had some trouble which resulted in a fight a few days before, in which Watts is said to have gotten the worst of it. They met Friday and the killing took place.

Watts is thirty-eight years old, and has a wife and seven children, and lives two or three miles from Spring Lake. Kellar was thirty-five and leaves a widow and two children. He used to live near Olton.

Officers from Plainview went over to investigate the tragedy and Watts was taken to Plainview Sunday and Monday waived an examining trial and was admitted to bond in the sum of \$7,500, to await the action of the Lamb County Grand Jury, which will convene in June.

PRICE ON HOGS PAST \$20 PER HUNDRED MARK

Chicago, April 1.—Hog prices passed the \$20 mark upward bound today when they were quoted at \$20.10 per hundred at the stockyards. The highest war time price was \$21 last fall.

During the Winter prices dropped slightly under \$18, but have been advancing since the government minimum prices guarantee was taken off nearly a month ago. At the United States Bureau of Markets this recent advance was ascribed to the heavy demand coupled with the fact that the winter run of hogs was largely shipped out during the winter, leaving the supply comparatively light until the new run of hogs begin in May or June.

ARMY WILL RETAIN 87 AIR SQUADRONS

Washington, April 2.—Army reorganization plans upon which the War Department is now working, it was learned today, provide for an air service with approximately 1,700 airplanes in actual commission and a minimum available reserve of 3,400 additional planes. This is based upon the proposed military estimate of 509,000 men, in which total the air service personnel will be 1,923 officers and 21,853 men.

MARRIED WEDNESDAY EVENING AT METHODIST CHURCH

Mr. Homer B. Robertson and Miss Virginia Taylor were married at the Methodist church last Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. J. T. Griswold, pastor of the Methodist church officiating. This couple came from New Mexico, we understand and will return there to make their future home.

Dr. S. F. Groner, corresponding secretary of the Baptist State Convention, stopped off here Thursday morning enroute through the Panhandle to Stamford, where he will attend the district institute. He was accompanied by Dr. Fry, of Simmons College, at Abilene.

DISTRICT INTERSCHOOL

REPRESENTATIVES FROM SIXTEEN COUNTIES TO LUBBOCK ON APRIL 11-12.

TO BE ENTERTAINED IN LUBBOCK HOMES TWO DAYS

The County Meet Was Held Here Last Thursday and Today and a Good Representation was Present Both Days and the Interest Was Good.

University Interscholastic League.

The District Meet will be held in Lubbock Friday and Saturday, April 11 and 12th. There are sixteen counties in the district and we expect representatives from all these counties.

Lubbock must give all the visitors a royal welcome and pleasant entertainment. We will need all spare rooms. We expect to provide full entertainment to the debaters, declaimers and spellers and must ask the big-hearted people of our town to take these young people into your homes. It will be an inspiration and pleasure to have these young boys and girls in your homes for two days. They are from the very best homes of the plains country and it will do your children good to associate intimately with them during the track meet. Teach your children to entertain while they are growing up. They have many things to learn, besides books. Mr. Atkinson requests that those who will take any visitors to phone him during the first part of next week.

The Domestic Science Department is planning to serve lunch to all visiting contestants the last day of the meet.

Tickets good for the entire meet will cost fifty cents, or tickets for just one event will cost fifty cents. Everyone in Lubbock should purchase a ticket before the meet begins even if you can not attend. Help the league, your school, and your town by contributing the small sum of fifty cents. Your kindness will be appreciated by all of us.

If we can make this year's meet a success, regardless of the many difficulties under which we have labored, then the future of our district meets is assured. We ask the hearty support and co-operation of every man woman and child in the town in making this year's meet a great success. Will you help?

M. M. DUPRE,
Director General, Lubbock District.

County Meet.

The Interscholastic School Meet which opened in contest last Thursday, was unable to carry out their athletic program, which was postponed until Thursday afternoon of this week. Slaton Canyon, Center, and Idalou were participants in the meet. The literary contest was carried out, with representatives from all the schools except Idalou.

The following are the names of participants and winners of the different events of the day.

Senior Spelling—Miss Gladys Shipman, of Lubbock.

Junior Spelling—Loomis, of Slaton. Boys Declamation Contest, Senior Class—Glenn Hunt of Lubbock.

Boys Declamation Contest, Junior Class—Ewell Hunt, of Lubbock.

Girls Declamation Contest, Senior Class—Francis Hoffman of Slaton.

Girls Declamation Contest, Junior Class—Verna Wilson of Lubbock.

Debate—Lattimer Murfee and Ross McWhorter, by default.

Blanco School.

Three entries in Floyd county meet from the Blanco school: Nelle Jones, Rural Declamation, won second; Nell Jones and Elizabeth Thache, Junior Spelling.

STATE DEPOSITORY BILL IS APPROVED BY GOVERNOR

Governor Hobby of Texas on April 1 signed three bills, all of great importance to Austin as well as the state of Texas at large.

The most important of these is the state depository law, which went into effect immediately it was signed.

Texas Money to Draw Interest.

This measure makes it possible for the state immediately to invest at reasonable interest all the spare funds in the treasury.

The eighteen state depositories now paying interest on Texas funds will continue to do so until the end of their contract.

Eight Millions Available.

But there are now some eight millions of idle money in the Texas treasury that may be loaned to other banks and kept in circulation under the terms of this act.

Texas State Treasurer John W. Baker has just loaned to the United States government two millions of Texas funds, but there are plenty left.

Higher Interest Rates.

It is believed the new law will bring the state higher interest rates than have been received in the past and instead of only \$900,000 of the funds drawing interest there will be an average of about \$5,000,000 throughout the year.

Interest will be based on daily balances and the banks will bid for the use of the money.

Children's Home Bill Signed.

Governor Hobby also signed the bill creating a home for dependent and neglected white children. The law makes \$100,000 immediately available for the erection of the home whose location has not been fixed.

Mrs. W. C. Edwards is in receipt of information from her husband who has been with Bat. E. 132nd Field Artillery, 36th Division, will arrive in Fort Worth next Tuesday, where the division will be demobilized soon. Mr. Edwards will return to Lubbock and take a position with the Avalanche, where he was working when the call to arms reached him.

Lieut. R. Q. Jennings, of the 111th Ammunition Train is back home from several months service with the 36th division in France. Mr. Jennings is the son of J. H. Jennings of this place.

METHODIST CHURCH GET-TOGETHER MEETING

There will be a get-together meeting of the members of the Methodist church and their families at the Methodist church next Wednesday, April 9th. At this time Rev. J. W. Hunt, pastor of St. Paul Methodist church, Abilene, and well known here, will address the people on the Centenary question. The services will begin promptly at 8:00 o'clock and will last one hour. All the women of the church are requested to bring a basket of eats and a basket supper will be served in the basement of the church. No collections will be taken at this meeting, and it is the desire of the pastor that every Methodist family be there in full force if possible. He wants you all to meet and if not acquainted, to get acquainted. He also requests us to announce that the members of the several committees all meet Friday night at the church for further arrangements for the meeting Wednesday. All the ushers are requested to come to this Friday evening meeting too.

CONFED VETS TO GET \$23 EVERY THREE MONTHS

Austin, April 1.—Confederate pension apportionment of \$23 per quarter for the next two quarters was announced by Comptroller Terrell today.

This is the largest apportionment for this purpose that the state has ever made.

Corp. James Fred Cole, who has been with the balloon corp. at Fort Sill, Post Field, received his honorable discharge and is now back home. His relatives and many friends are glad to have him back, and having performed all the duties required of him, he can now return to his civilian duties with a clear conscience and the satisfaction that he has done his bit.

SLEEPING SICKNESS REPORTED AT GALVESTON AND MARLIN

Austin, Texas, April 2.—Reports of cases of "sleeping sickness" at Galveston and Marlin were received by the State Health Department today. Dr. Oscar Davis, Assistant State Health Officer, has gone to Houston on official business.